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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for
examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims
previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is
attached.

3. A process according to claim 1, wherein the low-valence metal (M)ⁿ is at least one metal selected from the group consisting of Cu¹⁺, Ru²⁺, Fe²⁺ and Ni²⁺.

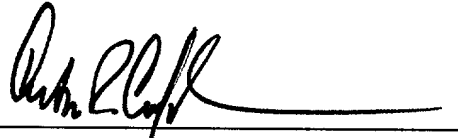
REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

3. A process according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the low-valence metal (M)ⁿ is at least one metal selected from the group consisting of Cu¹⁺, Ru²⁺, Fe²⁺ and Ni²⁺.